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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

FACEBOOK, INC.,

Case No. 08-CV-05780-LHK

Plaintiff,

v.

POWER VENTURES, INC., et al.,

**ORDER REGARDING REMEDIES AND  
DENYING MOTION FOR STAY**

Defendants.

On December 9, 2016, the Ninth Circuit issued an order affirming in part and reversing in part the Court’s grant of summary judgment. ECF No. 401. The Ninth Circuit remanded for this Court to reconsider the issue of remedies in light of the Ninth Circuit’s order. *Id.* at 22. The Court held a case a management conference on February 15, 2017, ECF No. 412, and set a briefing schedule on the remanded issue of remedies, ECF No. 410. Facebook filed its initial brief on March 8, 2017. ECF No. 416. Defendants filed their responsive brief on March 30, 2017. ECF No. 423. Facebook filed a reply on April 7, 2017. ECF No. 424.

On April 24, 2017, Defendant Steven Vachani (“Vachani”) filed a motion to stay all proceedings in the case pending resolution of his petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court. ECF No. 428. Facebook filed an opposition to this motion on April 24, 2017. ECF

1 No. 429. On April 26, 2017, Vachani filed a letter stating that Facebook had not filed a brief in  
2 opposition to the petition for certiorari. ECF No. 431. On May 1, 2017, Vachani filed a reply to  
3 Facebook's opposition to the motion for a stay. ECF No. 434.

4 Having considered the briefing of the parties, the record in the case, and the relevant law,  
5 the Court finds that Facebook is entitled to \$79,640.50 in compensatory damages and a permanent  
6 injunction as described below. The Court also DENIES Vachani's motion for a stay.

7 **I. BACKGROUND**

8 **A. Factual Background**

9 Facebook owns and operates the social networking website located at facebook.com. First  
10 Amended Complaint ("FAC") ¶ 2. Power Ventures ("Power") is a corporation incorporated in the  
11 Cayman Islands and doing business in California. Answer ¶ 10. At the times relevant to the instant  
12 case, Power has operated the website www.power.com, which offers to integrate users' various  
13 social media accounts into a single experience. FAC ¶ 5; Answer ¶ 5. Vachani is the Chief  
14 Executive Officer of power.com. Answer ¶ 11.

15 In December 2008, Facebook brought against Defendants this action, which alleges  
16 violations of the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003  
17 ("CANSPAM Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 7701; the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act ("CFAA"), 18 U.S.C.  
18 § 1030; California Penal Code § 502; and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act ("DMCA"), 17  
19 U.S.C. § 1201; copyright infringement under 17 U.S.C. § 101; trademark infringement under 15  
20 U.S.C. §§ 1114 and 1125(a) and under California law; and violations of California Business and  
21 Professions Code Section 17200. ECF Nos. 1, 9. Facebook complains that Defendants employ  
22 Facebook's proprietary data without its permission by inducing Facebook users to provide their  
23 login information and then using that information to "scrape" Facebook's proprietary material.  
24 FAC ¶¶ 49, 50, 52. Defendants then display Facebook's material on power.com. FAC ¶ 52.  
25 Facebook asserts that it never gave Defendants permission to use its material in this way. FAC ¶  
26 54.

27 Facebook also accuses Defendants of sending unsolicited and deceptive email messages to

1 Facebook users. FAC ¶¶ 65-69. To launch their site, Defendants promised power.com users a  
2 chance to win \$100 if they invited and signed up the most new users to Defendants' site. FAC ¶  
3 65. Defendants provided to their users a list of the users' Facebook friends from which the users  
4 could choose people to whom to send the invitation. FAC ¶ 66. Power.com sent commercial  
5 emails to those friends that included on the "from" line a "@facebookmail.com" address. FAC ¶¶  
6 66, 68. The content of the message included a line that the message was from "The Facebook  
7 Team." FAC ¶ 69, 70. Facebook contends that it never gave permission to send these messages  
8 and that the emails were deceptive because they "do not properly identify the initiators of the  
9 messages, nor do they provide clear or conspicuous notice that the messages are advertisements  
10 for" power.com. FAC ¶ 71.

11 **B. Procedural History**

12 On February 18, 2011, Judge Ware granted the parties' stipulation to dismiss Facebook's  
13 DMCA claim, copyright and trademark infringement claims, and claims for violations of  
14 California Business and Professions Code Section 17200. ECF No. 97. On May 9, 2011,  
15 Defendants moved for summary judgment on Facebook's CFAA, Section 502, and CAN-SPAM  
16 Act claims. ECF No. 98. On November 17, 2011, Facebook moved for summary judgment on  
17 Facebook's § 502 and CFAA claims. ECF No. 214 ("§ 502/CFAA Motion"). On November 18,  
18 2011, Facebook moved for summary judgment on Facebook's CAN-SPAM Act claim. ECF No.  
19 215. On February 16, 2012, Judge Ware issued an order denying Defendants' motion for summary  
20 judgment and granting summary judgment in Facebook's favor as to Facebook's § 502, CFAA,  
21 and CAN-SPAM Act claims. ECF No. 275 ("February 16, 2012 order").

22 In the February 16, 2012 order, Judge Ware requested additional briefing regarding  
23 Vachani's individual liability and the amount of damages Facebook should receive in light of the  
24 February 16, 2012 order. *Id.* at 19. On March 30, 2012, Facebook filed its supplemental brief  
25 regarding damages and the liability of Vachani. ECF No. 299 ("Facebook Damages/Liability  
26 Brief"). The same day, Defendants lodged with the court a brief regarding damages and the  
27 liability of Vachani. ECF No. 288 ("Defendants' Damages/Liability Brief"). On August 15, 2012,

1 Vachani also submitted a supplemental brief regarding damages and his personal liability. ECF  
2 No. 317 (“Vachani Damages/Liability Brief”).

3 On June 4, 2012, the attorneys representing Vachani and Power moved to withdraw as  
4 counsel. ECF Nos. 302, 303. On July 2, 2012, Judge Ware granted the motions to withdraw. ECF  
5 No. 306. In the order granting the withdrawal requests, Judge Ware required Vachani and Power  
6 to file Notices of Identification of Substitute Counsel no later than July 17, 2012. *Id.* Judge Ware  
7 noted that although Vachani could proceed pro se, Power had to be represented by a member of  
8 the bar pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-9(b). Civil L.R. 3-9(b) (“A corporation, unincorporated  
9 association, partnership or other such entity may appear only through a member of the bar of this  
10 Court.”). Judge Ware cautioned Defendants that a failure to file timely Notices of Identification of  
11 Substitute Counsel may result in default of the case. *Id.*

12 On July 19, 2012, after neither Vachani nor Power had filed a Notice of Identification of  
13 Substitute Counsel, Judge Ware ordered both parties to appear on August 6, 2012 to respond to an  
14 Order to Show Cause regarding Defendants’ failure to obtain counsel. ECF No. 308. On August 6,  
15 2012, the parties appeared for the hearing, and on August 8, 2012, Judge Ware issued an order  
16 regarding Defendants’ failure to obtain counsel (“August 8, 2012 order”). ECF No. 313. Because  
17 Power had failed to identify replacement counsel, Judge Ware found good cause to strike Power’s  
18 answer to Facebook’s complaint and enter default against Power. *Id.* Judge Ware permitted  
19 Vachani a short extension to find new counsel, which was conditioned on Vachani’s immediate  
20 filing of a Notice of Self-Representation. *Id.* The Clerk entered default against Power on August 9,  
21 2012. ECF No. 314.

22 On August 15, 2012, new counsel filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of Power. ECF  
23 No. 316. That same day, Power moved for leave to file a motion for reconsideration of Judge  
24 Ware’s August 8 order requiring entry of default against Power. ECF No. 318. Judge Ware gave  
25 Power leave to file a motion for reconsideration on August 21, 2012. ECF No. 320. On August 23,  
26 2012, Power filed its motion for reconsideration. ECF No. 321.

27 On August 27, 2012, Facebook filed its response and simultaneously requested entry of

1 default judgment against Power. ECF No. 322. On August 27, 2012, Defendants provided notice  
2 that both Power and Vachani had filed for bankruptcy. ECF Nos. 323, 324. Noting that pursuant to  
3 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1), a voluntary petition for bankruptcy operates as an automatic stay of any  
4 judicial actions involving the petitioners, Judge Ware stayed the proceedings and administratively  
5 closed the case on August 29, 2012. ECF No. 325. In the same order, Judge Ware denied as  
6 premature Power's motion for reconsideration of the August 8 order requiring entry of default. *Id.*

7 On March 20, 2013, Facebook notified the Court that the Bankruptcy Court had dismissed  
8 Power's bankruptcy case and had granted Facebook's request for relief from the automatic stay in  
9 Vachani's bankruptcy case. ECF No. 327. Facebook sought to reopen the case. *Id.* Facebook also  
10 sought reassignment to a new judge because on August 31, 2012, while the automatic stay was in  
11 effect, Judge Ware resigned from the bench. *Id.* On April 8, 2013, the undersigned judge, as the  
12 Duty Judge at the time Facebook filed its motion, granted Facebook's request. ECF No. 328. The  
13 undersigned judge ordered that the stay be lifted, the case be reopened, and the case be reassigned.  
14 *Id.* The case then was reassigned to the undersigned judge. ECF No. 329.

15 On April 25, 2013, Vachani moved for clarification of Judge Ware's February 16, 2012  
16 order regarding whether Vachani's liability had been determined in the February 16, 2012 order.  
17 ECF No. 332. On April 29, 2013, Facebook filed a case management statement in which Facebook  
18 again requested that default judgment be entered against Power. ECF No. 333. On the same day,  
19 Defendants filed a consolidated case management statement in which Power again sought to set  
20 aside default. ECF No. 334. Defendants also stated their intent to request leave to file a motion for  
21 reconsideration of the February 16, 2012 order. *Id.* In Facebook's and Defendants' respective case  
22 management statements, the parties acknowledged that Vachani's liability and the issues of  
23 damages and injunctive relief still needed to be addressed. ECF No. 333, 334.

24 On May 2, 2013, following a case management conference, the Court issued a case  
25 management order. ECF No. 340. In that order, the Court clarified that the February 16, 2012  
26 order did not decide Vachani's liability. *Id.* The Court granted Power's request to set aside default  
27 and denied Facebook's request for entry of default judgment against Power. *Id.* The Court also set

1 a briefing schedule for the damages and injunctive relief issues. *Id.* The Court set a hearing date of  
2 September 26, 2013 to consider Vachani's liability and the issue of remedies. *Id.*

3 On August 1, 2013, Power filed its request for leave to file a motion to reconsider Judge  
4 Ware's February 16, 2012 order. ECF No. 353. On August 1, 2013, Facebook filed its  
5 supplemental memorandum in support of its request for injunctive relief. ECF No. 354 ("Facebook  
6 Injunction Brief"). On September 25, 2013, Facebook filed a supplemental motion for a  
7 permanent injunction. ECF No. 369.

8 On August 7, 2013, Magistrate Judge Spero issued an order requiring Vachani to pay  
9 Facebook \$39,796.73 as a discovery sanction because of Vachani's noncompliance during a Rule  
10 30(b)(6) deposition. ECF No. 356. Following Judge Spero's order, Vachani immediately appealed  
11 the discovery sanction to the Ninth Circuit on September 6, 2013. ECF No. 360. Despite the  
12 appeal, this Court retained jurisdiction over aspects of the case unrelated to the discovery  
13 sanctions.

14 On September 25, 2013, the Court filed an Order Denying Leave to File Motion for  
15 Reconsideration, Finding Defendant Steven Vachani Liable as a Matter of Law, and Granting  
16 Damages and Permanent Injunctive Relief. ECF No. 373. In the order, the Court first found that  
17 Defendants had not identified any new material facts, changes in law, or issues that Judge Ware  
18 manifestly failed to consider in his February 16, 2012 order. The Court therefore denied leave to  
19 file a motion for reconsideration of the February 16, 2012 order. *Id.* at 15. The Court also found  
20 that because Vachani directed and authorized the activities at issue, Vachani was personally liable  
21 for violations of the CAN-SPAM Act, CFAA, and California Penal Code § 502 along with Power.  
22 *Id.* at 17.

23 The Court then addressed the issue of damages for the first time. The Court noted that  
24 under the CAN-SPAM Act, Facebook was entitled to elect between monetary damages in the  
25 amount of actual losses and statutory damages. *Id.* at 22. Facebook elected to recover statutory  
26 damages, and the Court ordered Defendants to pay \$50 for each of 60,627 spam messages sent, for  
27 a total of \$3,031,350. *Id.* at 25–26. The Court then held that Facebook was entitled to

1 compensatory damages under the CFAA. The Court held that “Facebook has established through  
2 undisputed testimony that it expended \$80,543 to investigate Defendants’ actions and for outside  
3 legal services in connection with the Defendants’ actions.” *Id.* at 26.

4 Finally, the Court issued a permanent injunction against Defendants. The Court found that  
5 each of the applicable four factors – (1) irreparable injury, (2) no adequate remedy at law, (3)  
6 balance of hardships, and (4) the public interest – favored granting a permanent injunction. *Id.* at  
7 27 (citing *eBay v. MercExchange, L.L.C.*, 547 U.S. 388, 390 (2006)). In doing so, the Court  
8 considered Defendants’ CAN-SPAM Act violations as well as Defendants’ violations of the  
9 CFAA and § 502. The Court granted a permanent injunction that enjoined Defendants from (1)  
10 making any misleading statement in advertising, including statements that Facebook had  
11 authorized a particular communication; (2) accessing Facebook’s website or servers “for any  
12 purpose” without Facebook’s prior permission; (3) using any data obtained from the unlawful  
13 conduct; and (4) developing or using any software to commit the illegal acts alleged in the  
14 complaint. *Id.* at 33–34. The injunction also required Defendants to destroy all the software at  
15 issue, destroy all data obtained from Facebook with the illegal software, and take measures to  
16 ensure that the injunction was obeyed. *Id.* at 34. The Court entered judgment against Defendants  
17 the same day, September 25, 2013. ECF No. 374.

18 On October 23, 2013, Defendants appealed the Court’s grant of summary judgment. ECF  
19 No. 379. On November 21, 2013, the Ninth Circuit dismissed Vachani’s appeal of Magistrate  
20 Judge Spero’s August 7, 2013 order granting discovery sanctions because the August 7, 2013  
21 order was not final or appealable. ECF No. 386.

22 On December 9, 2016, the Ninth Circuit affirmed in part and reversed in part the Court’s  
23 grant of summary judgment. ECF No. 401. The Ninth Circuit reversed the Court’s finding that  
24 Defendants had violated the CAN-SPAM Act because the Ninth Circuit found that Facebook  
25 initiated the email messages at issue and that the sender of the messages was not materially  
26 misleading within the meaning of the CAN-SPAM Act. *Id.* at 9–13. The Ninth Circuit then held  
27 that Defendants had violated CFAA, but only for the period “after receiving written notification

1 from Facebook on December 1, 2008.” *Id.* at 19. The Ninth Circuit held that by sending the  
2 December 1, 2008 notification, Facebook revoked Defendants’ permission to use Facebook’s  
3 computers. *Id.*

4 With respect to damages, the Ninth Circuit held that “[i]t is undisputed that Facebook  
5 employees spent many hours, totaling more than \$5,000 in costs, analyzing, investigating, and  
6 responding to Power’s actions.” *Id.* at 14. However, in light of the Ninth Circuit’s finding that the  
7 violation began only after Facebook sent its cease and desist letter, the Ninth Circuit remanded to  
8 “calculate damages only for the period after Power received the cease and desist letter . . . .” *Id.* at  
9 22.

10 After remand, the Court initially scheduled a case management conference for January 11,  
11 2017. However, Defendants filed a motion requesting a continuance of the case management due  
12 to “ongoing personal considerations.” ECF No. 405. The Court granted this motion and continued  
13 the case management conference to January 25, 2017. Facebook then filed a motion requesting a  
14 continuance due to scheduling problems with the January 25, 2017 date. ECF No. 407. The Court  
15 therefore continued the case management to February 15, 2017. ECF No. 408.

16 The Court held a case management conference on February 15, 2017. At the case  
17 management conference, the Court set a briefing schedule for the remanded issue of remedies.  
18 ECF No. 410. In doing so, the Court warned that “the parties shall limit their arguments to the  
19 issues that the Ninth Circuit remanded for consideration. The parties shall not present arguments  
20 regarding aspects of the Court’s decision which the Ninth Circuit did not reverse on appeal. . . .  
21 The parties shall carefully review the Ninth Circuit’s opinion and the record in this case to ensure  
22 that the parties argue only those issues that the Ninth Circuit ordered the district court to address  
23 on remand.” ECF No. 410, at 1–2. The Court also ordered Defendants to pay by March 15, 2017  
24 the \$39,796.73 discovery sanction that the Ninth Circuit affirmed.<sup>1</sup>

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26 <sup>1</sup> Although the Ninth Circuit dismissed Vachani’s earlier appeal of Magistrate Judge Spero’s  
27 August 7, 2013 order granting discovery sanctions, ECF No. 386, the Ninth Circuit later  
28 considered the issue of discovery sanctions in its December 9, 2016 order, ECF No. 401.

1 Pursuant to the briefing schedule, Facebook filed its supplemental remedies brief on March  
2 8, 2017. ECF No. 416. On March 9, 2017, Defendants filed a petition for certiorari with the United  
3 States Supreme Court. ECF No. 418. Defendants failed to pay the \$39,796.73 discovery sanction  
4 by the March 15, 2017 deadline and still have not done so. Subsequently, on March 28, 2017,  
5 Vachani filed an “urgent motion” requesting that the Court stay all district court proceedings for  
6 90 days or grant a 45–60 day extension because Vachani had been unable to contact Power’s  
7 attorney for over a month. ECF No. 420. The same day, Vachani filed a letter with the Court  
8 stating that although he has not paid the \$39,796.73 discovery sanction, Vachani is “in compliance  
9 with this court’s order” because he is “in an active bankruptcy proceeding.” ECF No. 421.

10 On March 29, 2017, the Court denied Vachani’s motion for a stay and for an extension of  
11 time. ECF No. 422. On March 30, 2017, Power’s attorney filed Defendants’ supplemental brief  
12 regarding remedies. ECF No. 423. On April 17, 2017, Facebook filed a reply brief. ECF No. 424.

13 **II. LEGAL STANDARD**

14 **A. Damages Under the CFAA**

15 Under the CFAA, “[a]ny person who suffers damage or loss by reason of a violation of this  
16 section may maintain a civil action against the violator to obtain compensatory damages and  
17 injunctive relief or other equitable relief.” 18 U.S.C. § 1030(g) (emphasis added). The CFAA  
18 defines “loss” to mean “any reasonable cost to any victim, including the cost of responding to an  
19 offense, conducting a damage assessment, and restoring the data, program, system, or information  
20 to its condition prior to the offense, and any revenue lost, cost incurred, or other consequential  
21 damages incurred because of interruption of service.” *Id.* § 1030(e)(11); *see also* ECF No. 401, at  
22 13–14. Thus, pursuant to the Ninth Circuit’s order, the Court’s task is to calculate the amount of  
23 Facebook’s “loss” under the statute after Facebook sent a cease and desist letter on December 1,  
24 2008 and thus revoked Power’s authorization to access Facebook’s computer.

25 **B. Injunctive Relief**

26 The CFAA provides that “[a]ny person who suffers damage or loss by reason of a violation  
27 of [§1030] may maintain a civil action against the violator to obtain compensatory damages and

1 injunctive relief or other equitable relief.” 18 U.S.C.A. § 1030(g). California Penal Code § 502  
2 also allows a plaintiff to obtain injunctive relief. California Penal Code § 502(e)(1).

3 A party seeking a permanent injunction must make a four-part showing: (1) that it has  
4 suffered an irreparable injury; (2) that remedies available at law, such as monetary damages, are  
5 inadequate to compensate for that injury; (3) that, considering the balance of hardships between  
6 the plaintiff and defendant, a remedy in equity is warranted; and (4) that the public interest would  
7 not be disserved by a permanent injunction. *See eBay Inc. v. MercExchange, L.L.C.*, 547 U.S. 388,  
8 390 (2006). The Court has discretion to grant or deny permanent injunctive relief. *Id.* at 391.

9 **III. DISCUSSION**

10 The Ninth Circuit ordered the Court to address two narrow issues on remand. First, the  
11 Ninth Circuit ordered the Court to recalculate damages “only for the period after Power received  
12 the cease and desist letter, when Power continued to access data contained in Facebook’s servers  
13 and memory banks.” ECF No. 401, at 22. Second, the Ninth Circuit ordered the Court to consider  
14 “appropriate remedies under the CFAA and section 502, including any injunctive relief.” *Id.* The  
15 Court therefore considers the issue of damages and the issue of injunctive relief in turn. The Court  
16 then considers issues that Defendants raise regarding taxable costs and the \$39,796.73 discovery  
17 sanction. Finally, the Court considers Vachani’s motion for a stay.

18 **A. Damages**

19 The Ninth Circuit ordered the Court to calculate damages for the period after Power  
20 received Facebook’s cease and desist letter on December 1, 2008. Specifically, the Ninth Circuit  
21 emphasized that although violation of a website’s terms of use is not sufficient to sustain a CFAA  
22 violation, “after receiving written notification from Facebook on December 1, 2008, Power  
23 accessed Facebook’s computers ‘without authorization’ within the meaning of the CFAA and is  
24 liable under that statute.” ECF No. 401, at 19. The Ninth Circuit also noted that “Facebook  
25 expressly rescinded [its] permission when Facebook issued its written cease and desist letter to  
26 Power on December 1, 2008.” *Id.* at 16.

27 Facebook argues that because the Ninth Circuit’s order requires this Court to calculate  
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1 damages for the period after Power received Facebook’s cease and desist letter on December 1,  
2 2008, this Court should simply subtract the amount of Facebook’s loss that occurred on December  
3 1, 2008 or earlier and reinstate the remaining damages award. ECF No. 416, at 4–5. Thus,  
4 Facebook asks for all damages incurred on or after December 2, 2008. Defendants argue that this  
5 method is improper for several reasons. First, Defendants claim that the “allowable period” for  
6 damages began on December 26, 2008 rather than December 2, 2008. Second, Defendants claim  
7 that the “allowable period” ended on December 30, 2008, the date that the instant lawsuit was filed  
8 and the date “on which defendants ceased all unauthorized interaction with Facebook’s website.”  
9 ECF No. 423, at 8. Third, Defendants argue that an unknown amount of Facebook’s claimed  
10 damages are not compensable because those damages were caused by the reversed CAN-SPAM  
11 Act violation rather than the CFAA or § 502 violations. Fourth, Defendants argue that Facebook  
12 has not adequately documented the work of McGeehan for which Facebook requests  
13 compensatory damages.

14 Before addressing Defendants’ objections in detail, the Court notes that Defendants failed  
15 to comply with the Court’s instructions. At the February 15, 2017 case management conference,  
16 Defendants raised many issues that went beyond the scope of the Ninth Circuit’s remand.  
17 Therefore, at the case management conference, the Court informed Defendants that “a lot of your  
18 damages arguments are not related to the date issue” on which the Ninth Circuit remanded and  
19 warned Defendants against “retreading and reopening issues that have now been decided.” ECF  
20 No. 414, at 12–13. Additionally, in the Court’s February 15, 2017 case management order, the  
21 Court ordered that “[i]n briefing the remanded issue of damages, the parties shall limit their  
22 arguments to the issues that the Ninth Circuit remanded for consideration. The parties shall not  
23 present arguments regarding aspects of the Court’s decision which the Ninth Circuit did not  
24 reverse on appeal. For example, the Court will not consider arguments regarding whether  
25 attorney’s fees constitute compensable damages under the CFAA.” ECF No. 410, at 1. The Court  
26 also ordered that “[t]he parties shall carefully review the Ninth Circuit’s opinion and the record in  
27 this case to ensure that the parties argue only those issues that the Ninth Circuit ordered the district  
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1 court to address on remand.” *Id.* at 1–2.

2 However, despite the Court’s explicit instructions, Defendants’ briefing contains many  
3 arguments that essentially re-raise issues that the Court has already resolved or raise issues that  
4 Defendants never raised before either this Court or the Ninth Circuit. For example, Defendants  
5 repeatedly argue that Facebook has not met its burden to justify compensatory damages by a  
6 preponderance of the evidence. *See* ECF No. 423, at 9. However, although Facebook does bear the  
7 burden of justifying its damages by a preponderance of the evidence, the Court has already found  
8 that Facebook met this burden. In the Court’s September 25, 2013 order, the Court found that  
9 Facebook’s damages calculations were fully justified by “undisputed testimony,” and the Ninth  
10 Circuit did not disturb this finding on appeal. ECF No. 373, at 26.

11 Defendants also raise many other issues that have already been decided, and the Court will  
12 discuss these issues in detail below. However, as a general matter, the Court notes that issues that  
13 were previously resolved and were not raised on appeal are the law of the case and are not subject  
14 to relitigation absent a motion for leave to file a motion for reconsideration. *Securities Investor*  
15 *Protection Corp. v. Vigman*, 74 F.3d 932, 937 (9th Cir. 1996) (finding that an issue was  
16 “subsumed within [the Court’s] summary judgment” order was therefore “law of the case.”).  
17 Additionally, “an issue or factual argument waived at the trial level before a particular order is  
18 appealed, or subsequently waived on appeal, cannot be revived on remand.” *Magnesystems v.*  
19 *Nikken, Inc.*, 933 F. Supp. 944, 949–950 (C.D. Cal. 1996); *see also Vigman*, 74 F.3d at 937  
20 (holding that an argument not raised on appeal was waived).

21 Thus, on remand, the Court’s task is not to relitigate issues that the Court has already  
22 decided and which the Ninth Circuit did not disturb on appeal. Instead, the Court’s task is to  
23 determine which of the CFAA damages that the Court granted in its September 25, 2013 order  
24 were incurred after Facebook revoked its permission by sending a cease and desist letter to Power  
25 on December 1, 2008. With the narrow scope of the Ninth Circuit’s remand in mind, the Court  
26 now considers Defendants’ arguments in turn.

27 **1. Defendants’ Arguments about the “Start Date of the Applicable Period”**

1 Defendants first argue that contrary to the Ninth Circuit’s order, Facebook did not revoke  
2 authorization when Facebook sent its December 1, 2008 cease and desist letter. Instead,  
3 Defendants argue that Facebook did not revoke authorization until December 26, 2008.

4 Before addressing Defendants’ arguments, the Court first outlines the relevant sequence of  
5 events. Power launched its website on December 1, 2008. ECF No. 299, Ex. 8. The same day,  
6 Facebook’s Security Incident Response team determined that the website was running an  
7 automated script to download Facebook data. Specifically, Facebook employee Ryan McGeehan  
8 spent 31 minutes or \$50 worth of time investigating the incident. ECF No. 214, at Ex. 9 & Ex. 4.  
9 In response to this finding, Joseph Cutler (“Cutler”), Facebook’s outside counsel at Perkins Coie,  
10 spent [REDACTED] on December 1, 2008 drafting a cease and desist letter.

11 The same day, Facebook sent the cease and desist letter to Power no later than 7:54 p.m.  
12 on December 1, 2008. ECF No. 299, Ex. 3. At 8:01 p.m., Vachani forwarded the letter to other  
13 Power employees and stated that employees should “be prepared for Facebook to try and block us  
14 and turn this into a national battle that gets us huge attention.” *Id.* Soon afterward, Vachani  
15 contacted Cutler. Cutler states that in December 2008 and early 2009, Cutler had many  
16 discussions with Vachani and “[i]n nearly all of [the] discussions, [Cutler] continued to demand  
17 that Defendants cease their unlawful activities.” ECF No. 213-2. In one such conversation, on  
18 December 15, 2008, Cutler emailed Vachani and informed him that he expected Power to delete  
19 all user data and conform to Facebook policies within two weeks, or by December 26, 2008. *Id.*  
20 However, despite these warnings and despite Vachani’s repeated assurances that the Power  
21 website would be changed to comply with Facebook policies, Vachani failed to make the  
22 requested changes to the Power website. *Id.* Facebook therefore filed the instant suit on December  
23 30, 2008. Defendants ceased interaction with Facebook’s website the same day. However,  
24 Defendants again accessed Facebook through the Facebook Connect program on February 5,  
25 2009. ECF No. 213-3. To date, it is not clear whether Defendants have deleted the data acquired  
26 from Facebook. After considering this sequence of events, the Ninth Circuit ruled as follows:  
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1 Facebook expressly rescinded that permission when Facebook issued its written  
2 cease and desist letter to Power on December 1, 2008. Facebook's cease and  
3 desist letter informed Power that it had violated Facebook's terms of use and  
4 demanded that Power stop soliciting Facebook users' information, using  
5 Facebook content, or otherwise interacting with Facebook through automated  
6 scripts. . . . We therefore hold that, after receiving written notification from  
7 Facebook on December 1, 2008, Power accessed Facebook's computers "without  
8 authorization" within the meaning of the CFAA and is liable under that statute. . . .  
9 [A]fter receiving the cease and desist letter from Facebook, Power intentionally  
10 accessed Facebook's computers knowing that it was not authorized to do so,  
11 making Power liable under the CFAA. ECF No. 401, at 17–20.

12 With this background in mind, the Court addresses Defendants' argument. Defendants argue that  
13 Facebook did not actually deny Defendants permission to use Facebook's website until December  
14 26, 2008, because Cutler "gave Power an extension of time, ending December 26, 2008, by which  
15 Power would need to have its software in full compliance with Facebook's requirements." ECF  
16 No. 423, at 7. This argument fails for two reasons.

17 First, and most importantly, the argument is flatly contradicted by the Ninth Circuit's  
18 order, which held that "Facebook expressly rescinded [its] permission when Facebook issued its  
19 written cease and desist letter to Power on December 1, 2008." ECF No. 401, at 15. Second, the  
20 notion that Facebook gave Power permission to use its website until December 26, 2008 is  
21 incorrect. As Facebook points out, between December 2, 2008 and December 26, 2008, Power  
22 was actively evading Facebook's attempts to block IP addresses associated with Power from  
23 accessing Facebook's servers. ECF No. 424, at 8. Additionally, during this period Cutler  
24 repeatedly demanded that Power cease its activities. The mere fact that Cutler gave Power a two-  
25 week deadline before Facebook took further action does not indicate that Facebook gave Power  
26 permission to access Facebook. Therefore, the Court rejects Defendants' argument that the  
27 "allowable period" for damages began on December 26, 2008.

28 As an alternative, Defendants argue that the "allowable period" began at the earliest on  
29 December 4, 2008, when "Facebook made its cease and desist demand directly to Power for the  
30 first time." ECF No. 423, at 6. However, this again is inconsistent with the Ninth Circuit's order,  
31 which held that Facebook revoked authorization on December 1, 2008. Defendants never argued  
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1 before the Ninth Circuit or this Court that the allowable period began on December 4, 2008, and  
2 thus, this argument is waived. *See Magnessystems*, 933 F. Supp. at 949–950 (“[A]n issue . . .  
3 waived on appeal[] cannot be revived on remand.”). This argument is also inconsistent with the  
4 undisputed facts, which show that Vachani received Cutler’s cease and desist letter and forwarded  
5 it to Power employees at 8:01 p.m. on December 1, 2008. ECF No. 299, Ex. 3. Therefore, the  
6 Court finds that for the purposes of damages calculations, Facebook revoked Power’s  
7 authorization on December 1, 2008.

8 **2. Defendants’ Arguments about the “End Date of the Applicable Period”**

9 Defendants also argue that the damages calculation should end on December 30, 2008.  
10 Specifically, Defendants argue that December 30, 2008 was the “last date of ‘unauthorized  
11 access’” because “December 30, 2008 is the date this lawsuit was filed and the date on which the  
12 defendants ceased all unauthorized interaction with Facebook’s website.” ECF No. 423 at 8. In  
13 short, Defendants argue that Facebook is entitled to recover for losses sustained only while Power  
14 was interacting with Facebook’s website.

15 At the outset, the Court notes that Defendants’ claim that “December 30, 2008 is the date .  
16 . . on which the defendants ceased all unauthorized interaction with Facebook’s website” is  
17 incorrect. ECF No. 423 at 8. As the Ninth Circuit held, “Power’s campaign lasted less than two  
18 months. On December 20, 2008, Facebook filed this action. Toward the end of January 2009,  
19 Power ended its campaign.” ECF No. 401, at 8. Additionally, despite the cease and desist letter,  
20 Defendants accessed Facebook’s computers again through the Facebook Connect program on  
21 February 5, 2009. ECF No. 213-3. Furthermore, the full extent of Defendants’ activities after  
22 December 2008 is unknown because Vachani testified at his deposition that in April 2011,  
23 Vachani destroyed a logging database that contained evidence about the scope of Defendants’  
24 activities after December 2008. Dkt. 300 at 2-5; Dkt. 299-14 at 83:23-84:10.

25 However, even if Defendants were correct that they ceased actively interacting with  
26 Facebook computers on December 30, 2008, nothing in the Ninth Circuit’s order indicated that the  
27 Court should consider this issue on remand. This Court already decided that Facebook’s attorney’s

1 fees and investigation and enforcement costs through March 2009 are compensable even though  
2 Power was not actively interacting with Facebook’s website for significant portions of that time.  
3 ECF No. 373, at 26. The Ninth Circuit did not question this finding in its order, and indeed the  
4 Ninth Circuit stated that Facebook had “suffered a loss” based on all time spent “analyzing,  
5 investigating, and responding to Power’s actions.” ECF No. 401, at 14. Therefore, the Court’s  
6 ruling on this issue is law of the case and is not subject to relitigation at this stage.

7 Even if the Court were to reconsider the issue, however, the Court would find that  
8 Facebook’s attorneys’ fees and investigation and enforcement costs are compensable even if  
9 Power was not actively interacting with Facebook’s website at the time the expenses were  
10 incurred. Under the CFAA, a defendant can recover for “any reasonable cost to any victim,  
11 including the cost of responding to an offense, conducting a damage assessment, and restoring the  
12 data, program, system, or information to its condition prior to the offense, and any revenue lost,  
13 cost incurred, or other consequential damages incurred because of interruption of service.” *Id.* §  
14 1030(e)(11). Nothing in this definition limits compensable damages to the precise time that the  
15 unauthorized access is occurring.

16 Consistent with this understanding, there are many cases in which courts have granted  
17 damages under the CFAA for actions taken after the offense itself. In *EF Cultural Travel BV v.*  
18 *Explorica, Inc.*, 274 F.3d 577, 584 n.17 (1st Cir. 2001), for example, the First Circuit affirmed a  
19 damages award for money plaintiffs paid “to assess whether their website had been  
20 compromised.” Similarly, in *Brown Jordan Int’l, Inc. v. Carmicle*, 846 F.3d 1167, 1174-1175  
21 (11th Cir. 2017), the Eleventh Circuit affirmed a damages award for “extensive forensic and  
22 physical review of [the victim’s] systems to determine the extent of . . . hacking activity” after a  
23 hack occurred. *See also, e.g., A.V. ex rel. Vanderhye v. iParadigms, LLC*, 562 F.3d 630, 646 (4th  
24 Cir. 2009) (“the costs of responding to the offense are recoverable including costs to investigate  
25 and take remedial steps” (internal quotations omitted)). Therefore, pursuant to the plain language  
26 and consistent with persuasive caselaw, Facebook’s attorney’s fees and investigation and  
27 enforcement costs through March 2009 are compensable as long as those costs were reasonably

1 incurred responding to the offense.

2 Facebook has presented undisputed evidence that it incurred expenses both for technical  
3 measures to block Power from accessing Facebook servers and expenses for negotiating with  
4 Power to voluntarily stop its activities and destroy the data. Specifically, Facebook incurred  
5 \$4,950 in costs for technical measures after December 1, 2008 and \$74,690.50 in legal fees to  
6 negotiate with Defendants. This Court previously held that these costs were reasonably incurred to  
7 respond to Defendants' CFAA violation. ECF No. 373, at 26 n.13 ("This Court previously  
8 recognized that 'Defendants do not dispute the accuracy or veracity of [the] evidence of  
9 [Facebook's] expenditures.' Indeed, Defendants never filed a rebuttal brief to Facebook's expert  
10 report regarding the monetary damages Facebook incurred.").

11 For the foregoing reasons, the Court rejects Defendants' argument that Facebook can  
12 recover only damages that were incurred on or before December 30, 2008. Facebook is entitled to  
13 compensation for all costs incurred after December 1, 2008 in response to Defendants' CFAA  
14 violations, and not merely for costs incurred while Defendants were actively interacting with  
15 Facebook's website.

16 **3. Defendants' Argument that Facebook's Claimed Damages Include CAN-SPAM  
17 Act Damages**

18 Next, Defendants argue that Facebook's claimed damages of \$79,640.50 includes damages  
19 that are attributable only to the CAN-SPAM Act violation, which the Ninth Circuit reversed,  
20 rather than to the CFAA or § 502 violations. For example, Defendants point out that Facebook  
21 employee Ryan McGeehan ("McGeehan"), who incurred \$4,950.000 in enforcement costs, spent a  
22 "substantial amount of . . . time specifically related to spamming, which was solely an issue under  
23 the CAN-SPAM claim." ECF No. 423, at 12. Here again, however, Defendants raise an issue that  
24 was already resolved prior to appeal, that Defendants did not raise on appeal, and upon which the  
25 Ninth Circuit did not opine. Def.'s Appellate Br., *Facebook v. Power Ventures, et al.*, Case No.  
26 13-17102, Dkt Entry 18-1. The Court's previous decision on this issue is law of the case that is not  
27 subject to relitigation at this stage of the proceedings.

1        In the Court’s September 25, 2013 order, the Court granted Facebook \$80,543 in  
2 compensatory damages under the CFAA. ECF No. 373, at 26–27. The September 25, 2013 order  
3 also made clear that none of this \$80,543 compensatory damages award included damages for  
4 CAN-SPAM Act violations. Indeed, the Court did not grant any compensatory damages for the  
5 CAN-SPAM Act violations because Facebook had elected to recover “statutory damages” rather  
6 than “monetary damages” for “actual losses” as a remedy for the CAN-SPAM Act violation. ECF  
7 No. 373, at 22 (citing 15 U.S.C. § 7706(g)(1)(B)). In other words, contrary to Defendants’  
8 argument, the Court’s earlier compensatory damages award did not include a portion of  
9 compensatory damages attributable to Defendants’ CAN-SPAM Act violation. This is because  
10 Facebook elected to receive statutory damages rather than compensatory damages.

11        Additionally, Defendants never raised, either before this Court or before the Ninth Circuit  
12 on appeal, the argument that the compensatory damages that Facebook requested under the CFAA  
13 included damages attributable only to the CAN-SPAM Act violation. Def.’s Appellate Br.,  
14 *Facebook v. Power Ventures, et al.*, Case No. 13-17102, Dkt Entry 18-1. Therefore, Defendants  
15 have waived this argument. *See Magnesystems*, 933 F. Supp. at 949–950 (“[A]n issue or factual  
16 argument waived at the trial level before a particular order is appealed, or subsequently waived on  
17 appeal, cannot be revived on remand.”).

18        Even if the Court were to consider Defendants’ argument that Facebook’s requested  
19 damages included losses attributable only to the CAN-SPAM Act violation, the Court would reject  
20 the argument. In granting Facebook’s motion for summary judgment, the Court found that  
21 Defendants violated the CFAA when Defendants accessed Facebook’s computers without  
22 authorization and thereby gained access to Facebook’s data.<sup>2</sup> ECF No. 373, at 11; *see also* 18  
23 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2) (establishing penalties against anyone who “intentionally accesses a computer  
24 without authorization or exceeds authorized access, and thereby obtains . . . information from any

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26        <sup>2</sup> The Ninth Circuit held that Facebook did not revoke authorization until Facebook sent the cease  
27 and desist letter on December 1, 2008, but otherwise the Ninth Circuit did not disturb the Court’s  
28 grant of CFAA damages.

1 protected computer.”). Defendants then used this data, obtained in violation of the CFAA, to send  
2 messages to Facebook’s users. Even though under the Ninth Circuit’s order these messages did not  
3 violate the CAN-SPAM Act, these messages were nevertheless sent using data acquired in  
4 violation of the CFAA. Therefore, all enforcement or investigation actions that Facebook took  
5 regarding the messages were a reasonable response to the CFAA violation. Therefore, the costs of  
6 these enforcement and investigation actions are compensable.

7 In short, all of Facebook’s investigation and enforcement efforts were reasonable responses  
8 to the CFAA violation. Thus, all of Facebook’s investigation and enforcement costs are  
9 compensable under the CFAA. The Court therefore rejects Defendants’ argument that Facebook  
10 has not sufficiently separated CAN-SPAM Act damages from CFAA damages.

11 **4. Argument about Inadequate Documentation**

12 Finally, Defendants argue that Facebook has not adequately documented or justified the  
13 salary and hours worked by McGeehan. Specifically, Defendants argue that “Facebook’s claim  
14 that it incurred an estimated \$5,000 in damages due to the time that Facebook employee Ryan  
15 McGeehan spent investigating and responding to Power’s activities is utterly unsupported by  
16 evidence.” ECF No. 423, at 12.

17 As discussed above, the Court already found in its September 25, 2013 order that  
18 Facebook’s damages calculations were fully justified by “undisputed testimony.” ECF No. 373, at  
19 26. The Ninth Circuit did not reverse this finding on appeal, and indeed the Ninth Circuit affirmed  
20 the Court’s finding that “[i]t is undisputed that Facebook employees spent many hours, totaling  
21 more than \$5,000 in costs, analyzing, investigating, and responding to Power’s actions.” ECF No.  
22 401 at 14. Thus, the Court’s earlier ruling on the adequacy of Facebook’s proof of damages is the  
23 “law of the case” and is not subject to relitigation at this stage. *Vigman*, 74 F.3d at 937.

24 Nevertheless, even if the Court were to consider Defendants’ arguments, the Court would  
25 find that Facebook has presented adequate evidence justifying its claim that McGeehan’s work  
26 after December 1, 2008 was worth \$4,950. On March 30, 2012, Facebook filed the expert report of  
27 Richard J. Ostiller. According to the Ostiller report, “McGeehan estimate[d] that he spent

1 approximately 50 hours responding to Power’s unauthorized activities . . . .” ECF No. 416-8, at ¶  
2 19. Additionally, the Ostiller report concluded that “a rate of \$100 per hour for the fully burdened  
3 payroll costs of Mr. McGeehan” properly took into account “his estimated salary and fringe  
4 benefits.” *Id.* ¶ 20. Defendants “never challenged the factual sufficiency of Facebook’s evidence  
5 in opposing summary judgment or on appeal; Defendants offered only the legal argument that  
6 attorneys’ fees are not compensable CFAA damages.” ECF No. 424, at 12.

7 Defendants now claim that “it must be assumed” that Ostiller’s report relies on  
8 impermissible hearsay. ECF No. 423, at 13. However, under the Federal Rules of Evidence, an  
9 expert may rely on hearsay testimony if “experts in the particular field would reasonably rely on  
10 those kinds of facts or data in forming an opinion on the subject.” Fed. R. Evid. 703. It is  
11 unquestionable that an expert forming an opinion about the salary and the hours worked by an  
12 employee would rely on statements by the employee in an interview. Thus, Ostiller’s decision to  
13 rely on an interview with McGeehan to determine McGeehan’s salary, benefits, and hours worked  
14 was consistent with the Federal Rules of Evidence. *See* ECF No. 416-8, at 3 (stating that Ostiller  
15 calculated damages using information gained from an interview of McGeehan). Additionally,  
16 Defendants never challenged the reliability of Ostiller’s report. Therefore, the Court finds that  
17 Ostiller’s report is reliable and provides adequate justification for the damages attributable to work  
18 by McGeehan.

19 **5. Conclusion**

20 For the reasons discussed above, Defendants’ objections to the \$79,640.50 damages award  
21 are unconvincing. The Ninth Circuit’s order instructed this Court to calculate CFAA damages for  
22 the period after Facebook sent its cease and desist letter on December 1, 2008. In all other  
23 respects, the Ninth Circuit left the Court’s CFAA damages award undisturbed, and therefore the  
24 Court’s earlier rulings on these damages issues is law of the case that is not subject to relitigation  
25 at this stage of the proceedings.

26 Pursuant to the Ninth Circuit’s order, the Court therefore determines what damages were  
27 incurred after Facebook sent its cease and desist letter on the evening of December 1, 2008.

1 Facebook has established through undisputed evidence that of the \$80,543 in damages that Court  
2 granted prior to appeal, only \$902.50 was incurred on or before December 1, 2008. Specifically,  
3 on December 1, 2008, McGeehan spent .5 hours of time, valued at \$50, investigating Power's  
4 actions, and Cutler spent [REDACTED] of time, valued at \$852.50 drafting the cease and desist letter,  
5 for a total of \$902.50 in losses incurred on December 1, 2008. Subtracting this amount from the  
6 \$80,543 that the Court previously granted in damages, the Court determines that Facebook  
7 incurred \$79,640.50 in losses on December 2, 2008 or later. Therefore, in accordance with the  
8 Ninth Circuit's order, the Court GRANTS Facebook \$79,640.50 in compensatory damages under  
9 the CFAA.

10 **B. Permanent Injunction**

11 The Court next considers whether Facebook is entitled to a permanent injunction against  
12 Defendants. In the Court's September 25, 2013 order, the Court granted a permanent injunction  
13 meant to cure violations of the CAN-SPAM Act, the CFAA, and § 502. However, the Ninth  
14 Circuit ordered that this Court "reconsider appropriate remedies under the CFAA and section 502,  
15 including any injunctive relief." ECF No. 401, at 22.

16 In Facebook's supplemental briefing on the issue of remedies after the Ninth Circuit's  
17 remand, Facebook requests a revised permanent injunction. The permanent injunction that  
18 Facebook requests is narrower than the injunction that the Court granted in September 25, 2013  
19 order in two important ways. First, Facebook no longer requests that the injunction include two  
20 sections specific to the CAN-SPAM Act violation that prohibited Defendants from sending  
21 unsolicited messages to Facebook users or making misleading statements about Defendants'  
22 affiliation with Facebook in commercial messages. Second, whereas the previous injunction  
23 forbade Defendants from accessing the Facebook website "for any purpose" without prior  
24 permission, Facebook now requests that this language be narrowed to forbid Defendants from  
25 accessing the Facebook website "for any *commercial* purpose" without prior permission. ECF No.  
26 424, at 6–7. Thus, Facebook states that the revised permanent injunction is "narrowly tailored . . .  
27 to prevent Defendants from repeating their unlawful access to, and misappropriation of,  
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1 Facebook's protected computers in violation of the CFAA and California Penal Code § 502." ECF  
2 No. 416, at 1.

3 The CFAA creates civil liability against anyone who "intentionally accesses a computer  
4 without authorization or exceeds authorized access, and thereby obtains . . . information from  
5 any protected computer." 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C). The CFAA provides that "[a]ny person  
6 who suffers damage or loss by reason of a violation of [§1030] may maintain a civil action  
7 against the violator to obtain compensatory damages and injunctive relief or other equitable  
8 relief." 18 U.S.C.A. § 1030(g).

9 California Penal Code § 502 imposes liability on a person who "[k]nowingly accesses  
10 and without permission takes, copies, or makes use of any data from a computer, computer  
11 system, or computer network, or takes or copies any supporting documentation, whether existing  
12 or residing internal or external to a computer, computer system, or computer network." Cal.  
13 Penal Code § 502(c)(2). California Penal Code § 502 also allows a plaintiff to obtain injunctive  
14 relief. *Id.* § 502(e)(1). Although § 502 is "different" than the CFAA, *United States v.*  
15 *Christensen*, 828 F.3d 763, 789 (9th Cir. 2015), the Ninth Circuit held that "the analysis under  
16 both statutes is similar in the present case," ECF No. 401, at 20.

17 A party seeking a permanent injunction must make a four-part showing: (1) that it has  
18 suffered an irreparable injury; (2) that remedies available at law, such as monetary damages, are  
19 inadequate to compensate for that injury; (3) that, considering the balance of hardships between  
20 the plaintiff and defendant, a remedy in equity is warranted; and (4) that the public interest  
21 would not be disserved by a permanent injunction. *See eBay*, 547 U.S. at 390. The Court has  
22 discretion to grant or deny permanent injunctive relief. *Id.* at 391. The Court will consider each  
23 of these factors in turn and will then consider whether, on balance, the principles of equity  
24 support the issuance of a permanent injunction in this case. Applying this standard, the Court  
25 finds below that the revised injunction that Facebook seeks is narrowly tailored to Defendants'  
26 violations of the CFAA and California Penal Code § 502.

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## 1. Irreparable Harm

Facebook has suffered irreparable harm because of Defendants' violations of the CFAA and § 502. Specifically, in accessing Facebook's computers without authorization, Defendants have interfered with Facebook's right to control access to its own computers and have acquired data to which Defendants have no lawful right in violation of the CFAA and § 502. Numerous courts have found that unauthorized access of computers and the acquisition of data in violation of the CFAA constitute irreparable harm. *See, e.g., Enargy Power Co. v. Xiaolong Wang*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 170193, \*28-29 (D. Mass. Dec. 3, 2013) ("[P]revent[ing] Enargy from enjoying the uninterrupted use of its property . . . constitutes irreparable harm. Furthermore, Plaintiffs' inability to make use of the PH Project files has hampered Enargy . . . .") (internal citations omitted); *Reliable Prop. Servs., LLC v. Capital Growth Partners, LLC*, 1 F. Supp. 3d 961, 965 (D. Minn. 2014) (finding "substantial threat of irreparable harm" based on the public dissemination of information after the defendant "unlawfully took volumes of detailed data" in violation of the CFAA); *TracFone Wireless, Inc. v. Adams*, 98 F. Supp. 3d 1243, 1256 (S.D. Fla. 2015) ("TracFone would be irreparably harmed because Adams' actions, if allowed to persist, will continue to cause TracFone to suffer harm by impairing the integrity of TracFone's proprietary computer system and wireless telecommunications network.").

Additionally, unless the Court issues a permanent injunction, it is very likely that Facebook will suffer irreparable harm again because Defendants will again attempt to access Facebook’s servers without authorization. Defendants have frequently exhibited bad faith conduct that indicates that they will not easily be deterred from attempting to access Facebook’s servers without authorization in violation of the CFAA and § 502. When Vachani first received the cease and desist letter from Facebook, Vachani forwarded it to Power employees with the message to “be prepared for Facebook to try and block us and turn this into a national battle that gets us huge attention.” ECF No. 299, Ex. 3. Consistent with that intent, Vachani then engaged in lengthy negotiations with Facebook. For example, Vachani initially promised to bring Power into compliance with Facebook’s terms by December 26, 2008. ECF No. 225-1, at ¶ 11. However, on

1 December 26, 2008, Vachani informed Facebook that Power would not comply with Facebook's  
2 terms for at least another month, and that Power would not stop accessing Facebook's servers in  
3 the meantime because Power "made the business decision to not prevent the interruption of service  
4 to our millions of users." ECF No. 233-1, at 2. Additionally, while Vachani negotiated with  
5 Facebook in December 2008, Defendants acknowledged that they violated the law and yet  
6 nevertheless actively took steps to evade Facebook's IP-blocking measures. *See* ECF No. 275, at  
7 16–17. As the Ninth Circuit stated,

8 On December 4, 2008, a Power executive sent an e-mail agreeing that Power  
9 engaged in four "prohibited activities"; acknowledging that Power may have  
10 "intentionally and without authorization interfered with [Facebook's] possessory  
11 interest in the computer system," while arguing that the "unauthorized use" did  
12 not cause damage to Facebook; and noting additional federal and state statutes  
13 that Power "may also be accused of violating," beyond those listed in Facebook's  
14 cease and desist letter. Emails sent later in December 2008 discussed the IP  
15 blocks that Facebook had imposed and the measures that Power took to evade  
16 them. Nevertheless, Power continued to access Facebook's data and computers  
17 without Facebook's permission. ECF No. 401, at 17.

18 Thus, Defendants' actions suggest that Defendants may continue to access Facebook's servers  
19 unless they are strongly deterred. Thus, not only has Facebook suffered irreparable harm, it is  
20 very likely that in the absence of a permanent injunction, Facebook will suffer irreparable harm  
21 again in the future. *See Tagged, Inc. v. Does 1 through 10*, 2010 WL 370331 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 25.  
22 2010) (approving permanent injunction in part because of the likelihood that the defendant might  
23 violated the CFAA and § 502 again in the future).

24 Furthermore, in their briefing, Defendants do not contest that Facebook has suffered  
25 irreparable harm. Therefore, the Court finds that Facebook has shown that it has suffered  
26 irreparable harm through Defendants' unauthorized access to its computer systems and  
27 Defendants' illegal possession of Facebook's data. Because Facebook has shown irreparable harm,  
28 this factor weighs in favor of a permanent injunction.

## 26 **2. Inadequacy of Money Damages**

27 Facebook has established that "remedies available at law, such as monetary damages, are

1 inadequate to compensate for [its] injury.” *eBay*, 547 U.S. at 391. Most importantly, Defendants’  
2 conduct indicates that there is a “reasonable likelihood of defendant’s future violations.” *Souza*,  
3 861 F. Supp. 2d at 1092. Defendants may still possess the software at issue in this litigation and  
4 the data illegally acquired from Facebook. ECF No. 373, at 29. Additionally, before Facebook  
5 filed the instant suit, Defendants “deliberately implemented . . . tactics to circumvent plaintiff’s  
6 security measures,” *Tagged*, 2010 WL 370331, at \*12, and Defendants continued to illegally  
7 access Facebook’s computers even after Vachani “repeatedly assured [Facebook’s counsel] that  
8 the functionality of the Power website would be changed to comply with Facebook’s requests . . .  
9 ,” ECF No. 213-2, at ¶ 9. As discussed above, this conduct indicates that unless the Court issues an  
10 injunction, there is a high probability that Defendants will repeat their illegal conduct.

11 Additionally, the Ninth Circuit has held that a district court has authority to issue an  
12 injunction “where the plaintiffs can establish that money damages will be an inadequate remedy  
13 due to impending insolvency of the defendant . . .” *In re Estate of Marcos*, 25 F.3d 1467, 1480  
14 (9th Cir. 1994). In the instant case, Power has been out of business since April 2011 and filed for  
15 Chapter 11 bankruptcy on August 27, 2012. ECF No. 401, at 8 (“In April 2011, Power ceased  
16 doing business altogether.”); ECF No. 323 (“Defendant Power Ventures, Inc.’s Suggestion of  
17 Bankruptcy”). Power’s bankruptcy petition was dismissed on November 27, 2012. ECF No. 327-  
18 1. Additionally, Vachani petitioned for Chapter 13 bankruptcy on August 27, 2012. ECF No. 324.  
19 Vachani’s bankruptcy petition was dismissed because Vachani failed to make payments pursuant  
20 to the Chapter 13 Plan. ECF No. 327, at 2. Therefore, it is very unlikely that Defendants will be  
21 able to pay a \$79,640.50 money judgment.

22 Indeed, despite being ordered three times to pay the \$39,796.73 discovery sanction,  
23 Defendants have not yet done so and the Court has even invited a motion to hold Defendants in  
24 contempt of Court. ECF No. 356 (August 7, 2013 order requiring Defendants to pay discovery  
25 sanction); ECF No. 401 (affirming discovery sanction); ECF No. 410 (ordering Defendants to pay  
26 discovery sanction by March 15, 2017); ECF No. 422 (inviting motion to hold Defendants in  
27 contempt of Court). Therefore, it is unlikely that Facebook will be able recover the monetary

1 damages that the Court has awarded.

2 Furthermore, in their briefing, Defendants do not contest that Facebook has no adequate  
3 remedy at law. For these reasons, Facebook has established that money damages are inadequate to  
4 compensate for its injury. Therefore, this factor weighs in favor of a permanent injunction.

5 **3. Balance of Hardships**

6 The balance of hardships also weighs in favor of granting a permanent injunction.  
7 Facebook has suffered substantial harm because of Defendants' activities. Defendants' conduct  
8 also makes clear that if the Court does not issue an injunction, there is a probability that  
9 Defendants will engage in similar conduct in the future. Therefore, Facebook would suffer  
10 significant hardship in the absence of an injunction.

11 Defendants, on the other hand, would not suffer substantial hardship if the Court issued an  
12 injunction. As the Court held in its September 25, 2013 motion, an injunction would "simply serve  
13 to force [Defendants'] compliance with the law." ECF No. 373, at 30. However, Defendants' raise  
14 three specific objections to Facebook's proposed injunction, which appear to be most relevant to  
15 the balance of hardships factors. First, Defendants argue that the proposed injunction prohibits  
16 lawful activity such as the commercial use of Facebook without prior permission. Second,  
17 Defendants argue that the proposed injunction relates to software production that is unconnected  
18 to Facebook or to the instant litigation. Third, Defendants argue that the proposed injunction  
19 applies to third parties unrelated to the litigation. The Court addresses these arguments in turn.

20 First, Defendants claim that using Facebook for commercial purposes is perfectly legal and  
21 therefore should not be enjoined.<sup>3</sup> However, although Facebook's proposed injunction restricts  
22 Defendants from using Facebook for commercial purposes without Facebook's prior permission,  
23 this restriction is warranted to prevent future violations of the law. Additionally, Defendants'  
24 Facebook for commercial purposes is not legal if, as in the instant case, Facebook has explicitly

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26 <sup>3</sup> As discussed above, the injunction that Facebook now seeks, which prohibits Defendants from  
27 using Facebook for any commercial purpose, is narrower than the injunction the Court granted in  
its September 25, 2013 motion, which prohibited Defendants from using Facebook for any  
purpose. ECF No. 373, at 33.

1 revoked Defendants' authorization to do so. Furthermore, the proposed injunction does not  
2 entirely prohibit Defendants from using Facebook for commercial purposes; it simply requires that  
3 Defendants receive permission from Facebook before doing so.

4 Additionally, even if the proposed injunction did prohibit legal conduct, it is well  
5 established that "federal courts have the equitable power to enjoin otherwise lawful activity if they  
6 have jurisdiction over the general subject matter and if the injunction is necessary and appropriate  
7 in the public interest to correct or dissipate the evil effects of past unlawful conduct" or to prevent  
8 "continued violations" of the law. *United States v. Holtzman*, 762 F.2d 720, 726 (9th Cir. 1985).  
9 For the reasons discussed above, there is a probability that Defendants will attempt to access  
10 Facebook's computers without authorization unless enjoined. Therefore, the Court finds that even  
11 if Facebook's proposed injunction prohibits legal conduct, the injunction is not overbroad in light  
12 of Defendants' conduct in the instant case.

13 Second, Defendants argue that the prohibition on software development that "allows the  
14 user to engage in the conduct found to be unlawful" is overbroad. ECF No. 423, at 17. However,  
15 Defendants will suffer no harm from being unable to develop software to engage in illegal  
16 conduct. Therefore, the Court finds that this provision is narrowly tailored to correct the legal  
17 violations at issue and is not overbroad.

18 Finally, Defendants object to the fact that Facebook's proposed injunction applies to  
19 "Defendants, their agents, officers, contractors, directors, shareholders, employees, subsidiary  
20 companies or entities, affiliated or related companies and entities, assignees, and successors-in-  
21 interest, and those in active concert or participation with them." *Id.* However, this proposed  
22 language closely tracks the terms of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2) (providing that an  
23 injunction binds "(A) the parties; (B) the parties' officers, agents, servants, employees, and  
24 attorneys; and (C) other persons who are in active concert or participation with anyone described  
25 in Rule 65(d)(2)(A) or (B)."). Additionally, Defendants raised this same argument in briefing  
26 before the Court's September 25, 2013 order. Specifically, Defendants claimed that "the requested  
27 injunction impermissibly threatens Vachani's employability and livelihood." ECF No. 373, at 31.

1 The Court rejected this argument and held that “Defendants fail[ed] to provide a persuasive reason  
2 why this is the case, and in any event, given that Vachani brought this risk upon himself by  
3 violating the law, the balance would not shift in favor of Defendants even if there were evidence to  
4 support this speculative claim.” *Id.* Similarly, at this stage Defendants have provided no evidence  
5 to support their argument that Vachani’s livelihood would be threatened by the injunction.

6 For these reasons, the Court finds that the balance of hardships weighs in favor of  
7 Facebook, and therefore this factor supports granting Facebook’s requested injunction.

8 **4. Public Interest**

9 The Court also finds that the public interest weighs in favor of an injunction, as courts have  
10 consistently held in CFAA cases. *See, e.g., Craigslist, Inc. v. Troopal Strategies, Inc.*, 2011 U.S.  
11 Dist. LEXIS 156825, at \*11 (N.D. Cal. 2011) (holding that public interest factor supported an  
12 injunction where defendant violated CFAA). The public has an interest in ensuring that computers  
13 are not accessed without authorization. Additionally, Defendants do not argue that the public  
14 interest would be disserved by an injunction. Therefore, the Court finds that this factor weighs in  
15 favor of granting Facebook’s proposed injunction

16 **5. Injunction**

17 For the reasons discussed above, each of the four factors strongly supports granting an  
18 injunction in the instant case. The Court therefore grants Facebook’s request for permanent  
19 injunctive relief against both Power and against Vachani in his personal capacity. Specifically, the  
20 Court grants the following injunction:

21 1. Defendants, their agents, officers, contractors, directors, shareholders,  
22 employees, subsidiary companies or entities, affiliated or related  
23 companies and entities, assignees, and successors-in-interest, and those in  
24 active concert or participation with them, are permanently enjoined from:

25 A. Accessing or using, or directing, aiding, facilitating,  
26 causing, or conspiring with others to use or access the Facebook  
27 website or servers for any commercial purpose, without

1 Facebook's prior permission, including by way of example and not  
2 limitation for the purpose of sending or assisting others in sending,  
3 or procuring the sending, of unsolicited commercial electronic text  
4 messages via the Facebook website or service.

5 B. Using any data, including without limitation Facebook-  
6 user data and data regarding Facebook's website or computer  
7 networks, obtained as a result of the unlawful conduct for which  
8 Defendants' have been found liable.

9 C. Developing, using, selling, offering for sale, or  
10 distributing, or directing, aiding, or conspiring with others to  
11 develop, sell, offer for sale, or distribute, any software that allows  
12 the user to engage in the conduct found to be unlawful.

13 2. Defendants, their agents, officers, contractors, directors, shareholders,  
14 employees, subsidiary companies or entities, affiliated or related  
15 companies and entities, assignees, and successors-in-interest, and those in  
16 active concert or participation with them shall destroy any software,  
17 script(s) or code designed to access or interact with the Facebook website,  
18 Facebook users, or the Facebook service. They shall also destroy  
19 Facebook data and/or information obtained from Facebook or Facebook's  
20 users, or anything derived from such data and/or information.

21 3. Within three calendar days of entry of this permanent injunction and  
22 order, Defendants shall affirm that they already have notified, or shall  
23 notify, their current and former officers, agents, servants, employees,  
24 successors, and assigns, and any persons acting in concert or participation  
25 with them of this permanent injunction.

26 4. Within seven calendar days of entry of this injunction and order,  
27 Defendants shall certify in writing, under penalty of perjury, that they

1 have complied with the provision of this order, and state how notification  
2 of this permanent injunction in accordance with paragraph 3 above was  
3 accomplished, including the identities of all email accounts (if any) used  
4 for notification purposes.

5 5. The Court shall continue to retain jurisdiction over the parties for the  
6 purpose of enforcing this injunction and order.

7 **C. Costs and Discovery Sanctions**

8 In addition to their arguments about damages and injunctive relief, Defendants raise two  
9 other issues. First, Defendants argue that Facebook is not entitled to costs because Facebook has  
10 not been deemed the prevailing party. Second, Defendants argue that Facebook is not entitled to  
11 judgment for the discovery sanctions award that the Ninth Circuit affirmed. The Court addresses  
12 these issues in turn.

13 First, the Court addresses the issue of costs. At the February 15, 2017 case management  
14 conference, Facebook agreed that it would wait until after a new judgment was entered under  
15 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54 before requesting costs. ECF No. 414, at 6. Thus, it is not  
16 surprising that, as Defendants state, Facebook's brief on damages "makes no mention of the costs  
17 of suit previously claimed by Facebook following the Court's original judgment." ECF No. 423, at  
18 14–15. Therefore, because Facebook has not yet requested costs, the Court does not consider  
19 Defendants' arguments regarding costs at this time.

20 Second, the Court addresses the issue of discovery sanctions. The Court has already  
21 ordered Defendants to pay the \$39,796.73 discovery sanction by March 15, 2017, ECF No. 410,  
22 and has even invited Facebook to file a motion for contempt based on Defendants' ongoing failure  
23 to pay the discovery sanction, ECF No. 422, at 3. Additionally, Defendants give no explanation or  
24 authority for their position that the discovery sanction should not be included in the judgment. The  
25 Court's prior orders requiring Defendants to pay the discovery sanction are "effective on [their]  
26 own." ECF No. 423, at 15. However, in order to ensure that the record is clear and in light of  
27 Defendants' ongoing failure to pay the discovery sanction, the Court will include the \$39,796.73

1 discovery sanction in the judgment.

2 **D. Motion for Stay**

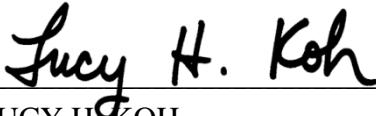
3 Vachani has also filed a motion for a stay pending resolution of his petition for certiorari to  
4 the United States Supreme Court. ECF No. 434. However, the Ninth Circuit has held that “once a  
5 federal circuit court issues a decision, the district courts within that circuit are bound to follow it  
6 and have no authority to await a ruling by the Supreme Court before applying the circuit court’s  
7 decision as binding authority.” *Yong v. INS*, 208 F.3d 1116, 1119 n.2 (9th Cir. 2000). Therefore,  
8 the Court DENIES Vachani’s motion for a stay.

9 **IV. CONCLUSION**

10 For the foregoing reasons, the Court finds that Facebook is entitled to \$79,640.50 in  
11 compensatory damages and permanent injunctive relief as described above. The Court also again  
12 orders Defendants to pay the \$39,796.73 discovery sanction. Finally, the Court DENIES  
13 Vachani’s motion for a stay.

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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16 Dated: May 2, 2017

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18 LUCY H. KOH  
United States District Judge

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